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1. One DESPAIGNE, (fnu),¹ resident of Calle San Lazaro, Habana, Cuba, an active member of the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban Communist Party), is at present employed in the office of Arsenio GONZALEZ Gonzalez, acting Minister of Labor.
2. The recent Communist gains in the Federacion Nacional de Trabajadores Tabacaleros (National Federation of Tobacco Workers) and the inclusion of several members of the PSP in its Directive Board; the return to active participation in labor affairs of Jose Maria PEREZ Capote, Communist transport workers' leader who was retired as an Omnibus Aliados worker; and the return to the labor scene of Jose Miguel ESPINO, also a retired Communist transport workers' leader, are all events which have come to pass with the assistance of GONZALEZ in his position as acting Minister of Labor.

1. Comment. On 11 July 1951 a Pedro DESPAIGNE Megret, who may be identical with DESPAIGNE (fnu), was listed as a voting member of the PSP Executive Committee for the Municipality of Guantanamo.

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